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Reference: Please submit to  
Board by \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE FORM**  
***MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR  
EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE***

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT**

**APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_ **for** ☐ Registered Geologist  
**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Certified Engineering Geologist  
**TELEPHONE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Certified Hydrogeologist

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REFERENCE**

Your name has been submitted as an individual who is familiar with the work of the above named applicant who has filed an application for licensure with the Board. The Board is interested in determining if the above named applicant has qualifying experience for the examination. Return of this form by the date above, filled out completely, will expedite the application process.

**I am a :** ☐ Geologist ☐ Geophysicist ☐ Engineering Geologist  
☐ Hydrogeologist ☐ Civil Engineer ☐ Petroleum Engineer  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**LICENSE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE** \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are not licensed in California, you must submit documentation including references to the satisfaction of the Board, that you are a qualified geologist. Hydrogeology references must have five or more years of hydrogeology experience in a responsible position.)

**RELATIONSHIP TO THE APPLICANT:**

| RELATIONSHIP  | LENGTH OF RELATIONSHIP | APPLICANT'S EMPLOYER |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employer <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | From _____ To _____    |                      |

“Professional geological work” is work performed at a professional level rather than at a subprofessional or apprentice level and requires the application of scientific knowledge, principles and methods to geological problems through the exercise of individual initiative and judgement in investigating, measuring, interpreting and reporting on the physical phenomena of the earth. Implicit in this definition is the recognition of professional responsibility and integrity and the acknowledgement of minimal supervision.

“Professional geological work” specifically does not include such routine activities as drafting, sampling, sample preparation, routine laboratory work, etc., where the elements of initiative, scientific judgement and decision making are lacking, nor does it include such activities which do not use scientific methods to process and interpret

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geological data. Further, it specifically does not include soils engineering, soils sampling, soils testing or other activities in or related to the agricultural application of soil sciences. It also does not include mining, mining engineering or other engineering disciplines and/or other physical sciences wherein geological investigation, analysis and interpretation are minimal or lacking.

“Responsible position” means a position whereby a person having individual control and direction of a geological project exercises individual initiative, skill and judgement in the investigation and interpretation of geologic features, or the supervision of such projects. An individual can be considered to be in responsible position even though not registered and working as a subordinate employee to a registered or qualified geologist.

**I have personal knowledge of the applicant’s experience as a geologist.** YES NO (circle one)

**Approximate percentage of time that the applicant spent in a responsible position as defined above as a:**

Geologist \_\_\_\_\_% **Average number of hours applicant worked per week:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate percentage of time in responsible position as a geologist spent as a:**

**(Certified Hydrogeologist and Certified Engineering Geologist applicants)** Hydrogeologist \_\_\_\_\_%

Engineering Geologist \_\_\_\_\_% **Average number of hours applicant worked per week:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate percentage of time applicant spent on tasks specifically excluded from “professional geological work” (See front for definition of “professional geologic work”):** \_\_\_\_\_%

**Describe work performed, projects worked on and quality of work. (Use additional sheets if necessary)**

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**During the time listed, did the applicant exercise individual initiative, skill and judgement as a geologist?**  
YES NO (circle one)

***Please refer to the application to answer the following:*** (A copy of the application must be provided. If a copy is not provided, please contact the applicant)

**Does the application correctly represent the applicant’s experience, qualifications, positions and level of responsibility during the time listed on this reference form?** YES NO (circle one)

**Is the applicant capable of independently completing geological investigations that require the correct interpretation of geological features?** YES NO (circle one)

**I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information on this reference form is true and correct.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name** (typed or printed) \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Present Employer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form and the copy of application for examination and licensure directly to the Board at the address on the front.**